

1 [Urging the United States Congress to Support Appointment of a National Director of Gun
2 Violence Prevention]

3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to support the Appointment of a National**
4 **Director of Gun Violence Prevention, and the creation of an Interagency Task Force on**
5 **Gun Violence Prevention.**

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7 WHEREAS, In a February 26, 2021, letter to President Biden, Representatives Lucy
8 McBath (D-Ga.) and Joe Neguse (D-Co.) requested the appointment of a National Director of
9 Gun Violence Prevention who would create and chair an Interagency Task Force on Gun
10 Violence Prevention; and

11 WHEREAS, The Representatives rightly acknowledged that existing federal efforts to
12 address gun violence are disparate and that an Interagency Task Force on Gun Violence
13 Prevention would ensure that a more comprehensive and coordinated approach be
14 implemented; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year in the United States, over 115,000 people are shot, including
16 8,000 children and teens, and 40,000 people die by gun violence, including over 23,000 who
17 tragically take their own lives; and

18 WHEREAS, Gun violence disproportionately impacts communities of color; and

19 WHEREAS, Gun violence exacts a physical, emotional, and financial toll on survivors
20 and their families, as well as the families of victims who lose their lives, and the effects of gun
21 violence are felt by communities in the form of reduced investment from businesses and
22 entrepreneurs; and

23 WHEREAS, Gun violence also imposes significant costs on taxpayers and the local
24 governments tasked with addressing the issue; and

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1 WHEREAS, Despite historic declines in violent crime reported in San Francisco in
2 2019, in 2020 there was a 63% increase in gun related incidents that resulted in two tragic
3 deaths; and

4 WHEREAS, In December of 2019 the Board of Supervisors passed the Vision Zero on
5 Homicides and Violent Crimes Plan, which calls for immediate action to limit the causes of
6 violence in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 recognizes the legitimate threat to public health and safety that gun violence has on our
9 community; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco supports the appointment of a National Director of Gun Violence Prevention and the
12 creation of an Interagency Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention, and urges Members of
13 Congress to support it as well; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk
15 of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex
16 Padilla, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Representative Jackie Speier upon passage.

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